EIGHT DEAD IN STEAMER CRASH

CITY OF TAUNTON CUT BIG HOLE IN PLYMOUTH'S SIDE.

Pilot of Plymouth Had Gone to Bed 20 itnutes Before the Collision in the Race Divers Secure Bodles From the Hold Two of the Dead Were Passengers.

New London, Conn'., March 20 .- Eight lives were lost by the collision in the Sound early this morning between the Fall River Line boats Plymouth and City of Taunton, news of which was printed exclusively in late editions of this morning's Sun. During a fog the City of Taunton, heavily loaded with freight and bound west, rammed the Plymouth, which was steaming slowly up the Sound with 558 passengers on board. The collision occurred in The Race shortly after midnight and the prow of the City of Taunton smashed a big hole in the Plymouth's starboard side.

Only the stoutness of compartment bulkheads kept both steamboats affoat Both of them made their way into port here, the Plymouth about 3 o'clock this morning, the Taunton about 6 o'clock, with two feet of her bow gone. Most of the Plymouth's passengers left this city before noon, going to Boston. Capt. Edward R. Geer of this city was

acting temporarily as pilot on the Plymouth. He retired twenty minutes before mouth. He retired twenty minutes before
the crash came. He was thrown out of
his berth, but escaped injury.
Two passengers were killed. The others
killed were members of the
lymouth, who were drowned in the steerage, where they slept, when the water
poured into the steamboat's hold through
her broken side.
The dead are:

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John McCanthy, watchman; head cut off.

John Coleman, a negro, drowned.

John Coleman, a negro, messman; drowned.

John Briscoe, negro, waiter; drowned.

John Williams, negro, baker; drowned.

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G. H. Marsten, passenger, Palerson, N. J.;

kell fractured.

Johnthan W. Thompson, passenger, ilkes-Barre, Pa.; skull shattered.

Patrick Daley, freight handler; arm off. died in hospital.

The injured are: Michael Kilduff, passenger, Boston; right foot cut; Italian immigrant, cut on forehead;
— Samuelson, negro, porter on City of Taunton, scratched about face and bruised phont the body; F. N. Curtis, foot crushed; M. H. Zach of Taunton; Mrs. Zach of Taunton; J. L. Feager, Philadelphia, Pa., back sprained.

The City of Taunton was sighted by the Plymouth, but too late to avoid a colision. There was a quick exchange of whistles, then the crash. whistles, then the crash.

Though full speed astern had already been signalled to the engine room of the City of Taunton, the freighter's headway was sufficient to carry her on until the Plymouth was heeled well over to port. Then the freighter fell slowly away, her bow clean gone for a depth of two feet from her top deck to below the waterline and water flooding the forward compartment.

On the Plymouth, save for orderly efforts On the Plymouth, save for orderly efforts of the officers to prevent panic and to save the steamboat, all was confusion and no little terror. The Plymouth was in far worse plight than the City of Taunton. There was a hole ten feet square in her hull on the starboard side, about thirty-five feet from the bow, and for a hundred was considered to the death of the second cabin, Nos. 201-207, were made wreckars.

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In the rescue work assistance was rendered by a Mrs. Frankie of Baitimore, who was formerly an army nurse, who volunteered to help care for the injured, and by eighty United States marines, who were commanded by Capt. T. H. Low and Lieut. W. C. Harles and were on their way to the Boston Navy Yard. Most of these men were quartered on the starboard side of the boat and many of them lost clothing, but all of them reported at rollcall later.

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MEAT FIRMS FINED 45,000 EACH. SAY HE HIT SEVERAL BANKS. Must Pay or Be Barred From Doing Busi-

ness in Missouri. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 20 .- The Supreme Court this morning awarded a writ of ouster against the beef packers for violation of the Missouri Anti-Trust laws. The court ordered the writ suepended on condition that each of the companies in the trust pay a fine of \$5,000. The opinion of the court was written by Judge

The defendant companies were the Armour Packing Company, the Cudahy Packing Company, the Hammond Packing Company, Swift & Co. and Schwarzschild & Sulz-

berger. They have thirty days in which to pay the fines and costs.

The proceedings against the beef packers were started by Attorney-General E. C. Crow during the cry against the trust for raising the price of meats, and testimony was taken in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph. Independent packers and butchers gave testimony in which it was disclosed that the Meat Trust almost absolutely controlled the price and the market

According to the testimony, meat dealers were forced to buy from the trust at its own price, and if some dealer rebelled and tried to purchase his meats at other places, he was put on the boycott list. Testimony was also given as to spoiled meats-"concession meats"-which were sold at reduced rates to dealers.

CHICAGO, March 20 .- Attorneys of the packing companies in Chicago refused to discuss the finding of the Missouri court this afternoon until they had time to communicate with their Kansas City offices and until they had formulated a decisive plan of action.

Arthur Meeker of Armour & Co., said: I guess we won't move out of Missouri at present. The legal end of the case will be left to our general counsel, who is now in

DEAF MUTES HEAR THE OPERA. Really Hear It With the New Hearing

hine-And Talk About It, Too. Four students from the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, three girls and a boy, listened last night to the opera at the Metropolitan through an acousticon, the new apparatus ing sound. They all heard the music and singing distinctly, but could not catch

shouted on his fingers, and the girls re-sponded with a perfect cyclone of finger would say in his sign language:

"Oh! it's gone, can you hear? There's nothing doing."

During the intermission many women in the audience who had watched the students almost as much as they had the opera

went over to the box.

All four deaf mutes were able to hear
the high-pitch notes better than the others.
It was said after the opera that the experience had been a great treat for them, but there was some apprehension lest it might have a depressing effect.

CHAS. G. DENNISON DISAPPEARS.

BUFFALO, March 20.—The Buffalo news-papers to-morrow will print large ad-vertisements announcing the mysterious disappearance of Charles C. Dennison, an aged and rich resident of Hinsdale, near Chicago. Since Wednesday morning the police and private detectives have vainly searched for him. Mr. Dennison lived in this city until ten years ago, when he

ing they received more that Mr. Foreyth was at the point of death and Mr. Bennipols retourhed.

"Well, his troubles are over." Mr. Shepard and did not see him after that They had an organizate to meet in the later of by which the most morning, but Mr. Bennious had disappeared.

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POLICE CLERK MILE-MOT.

GEORGE B. WHITE ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

and His Brother, John K., Swindled Several Banks Ten Years Ago -Got \$20,000 From Central National and \$150,000 From Other Banks.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 20.-As a equel to the failure in December last of the South Pennsylvania National Bank at Hyndman, Bradford county, George B. White, vice-president of the bank, was arrested here to-day on the charge of embezzlement and making false reports to the Comptroller of the Currency. The arrest was made on a warrant obtained by Special Bank Examiner Walter A. Mason, who acted under instructions from Attorney-General Knox.

White was taken into custody at 619 Walnut street, where for two years he has rented an office, and after a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Craig, was remanded in default of \$8,000 bail pending further examination next

and subsequently was appointed receiver. In telling of his investigation Examiner "Instead of the bank having a reported surplus of \$10,000, I discovered that there was an actual deficit of more than \$50,000.

Following the failure last December

Mason was detailed to make an investigation

I found the assets which had been carried were no longer the property of the bank, but had been disposed of and notes of the defunct Hazen Tanning Company carried as assets.
"There was \$19,000 worth of the bonds of the Electric Light Plant of Hyndman worth actually only \$5,000, but worst of

all there was carried as an asset a note \$5,000 of Mrs. S. W. Tully of Philadelphia, a sister of George B. White, and dated 1900. Mrs. Tully I have positively learned died in 1898. This was manifestly a forgery. "I have paid the depositors in full, but the stockholders won't get \$5 on their shares, the par value of which is \$100.

"In continuing my in vestigation I decided that White's history might be worth looking into, and I found that he was a member of a remarkable family, of which the bright and shining light was his brother, John White, now a fugitive from justice and wanted for a good many crimes against figure in firms. financial firms.
"In 1889 John K. White went to Hyndman

mancial firms.

There was a double opera bill—"La Fille du Régiment" and "Der Wold"—and the deaf mutes stayed until the end, laughing and chatting with their fingers and enjoying themselves immensely.

The deaf and dumb pupils were in charge of W. A. Van Tassell, an instructor in the institution. They were in a grand tier box about half way back in the house of the took a party to New York and spent to hear the wow were about 20. The boy also was about 16. Two of the girls and the boy were blind as well as deaf and dumb. Their tells are the party of the the took a party to the took and half were blind as well as deaf and dumb. Their tells are the party of the the took and the party to the took and half were blind as well as deaf and dumb. Their tells are the party of the the took and the party to the took and the party to the the took and the party to the the took and the converse of the party to the the took and the converse of the converse of the took and the converse of the took and the converse of the apparatus had been adjusted and the recognized the bank. White went to Hyndman and capital for the town and also started a newspart of the town and also start

mut National Bank of Boston, and they kept him in the courts for years.

"The defendant knew that the bank was insolvent when he took charge of it, and we charge him with having entered into a conspiracy and that he made the cashier, N. A. Blair, who will be a witness for the Government, swear to false statements.

"White, as soon as he could work things to suit himself, took the 300 shares which were in his control and came to Philadelphia, and hypothecated part of them with the First National Bank. Then he went to Pittaburg and did the same thing with the Monongahela Bank, borrowing from these two institutions between \$16,000 and \$17,000 on worthless stock."

An officer of the Central National Bank

An officer of the Central National Bank said last night that White had not been arrested at the request of his bank. In the early '90s the Central National Bank and several other banks in this city, Boston and Philadelphia were swindled out of between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The Central National Bank lost about \$20,000. White was arrested in Philadelphia at that time, but the Pennsylvania authorities would not consent to his extradition.

terest in it, arrived here to-day. D. Squires, agent for Mirabeau L. Towns, the post-lawyer of Brooklyn, took posses-

GIRL GUEST STOLE JEWELS. Rosie Cristalli, Normal College Student

Confesses \$1,800 Theft. Nineteen-year-old Rosie Cristalli of 233 West 120th street, a student at the Normal College, was locked up in the West 125th street station last night on the complaint of Mrs. Victoria Scheffler, the wife of a policeman attached to the West 152d street station. The young woman is charged with stealing jewelry valued at \$1,800 from Mrs. Scheffler's residence, at 1282 Columbus avenue.

The girl was arrested at Mrs. Scheffer's home as she was playing the piano. She was a friend of Mrs. Scheffler's daughter, whom she had met at the Normal College. The girl at first denied that she was a thief, but when she was searched and \$204 was found in her pocket she confessed.

She said she had pawned the articles in East 125th street for \$365 and had spent

Wednesday in purchasing dresses.

The detectives then took the young woman to the address she gave in 120th street and there found some more of the jewelry. The woman in charge of the house said the girl came there two days ago and engaged board for a week. She said her father was an inspector for the Equitable Life Assurance Society and that her ex-penses would be paid promptly every

Mrs. Scheffler told a Sun reporter last night that the young woman met her daughter at college last fall, and was later invited to their home, where she had the run of the house. The jewelry was missed after the Cristalli girl had been left in the house with Miss Scheffer.

Mrs. Scheffler then started to look up the girl's record and learned that she had been a source of much trouble in a convent where she had been an inmate and that her reputation at other places was bad.

Mrs. Scheffler says that the young woman has been a student at Normal College for four years and is considered a bright sch

OLD MAN BURIES HIS MONEY. Some Near Chicken Coop, Some in Cellar—Sues Children for Real Estate.

Liewellyn James, 70 year s old, and thrice married, told a story of filial ingratitude yesterday before Vice-Chancellor Emery in Newark. James is a contracting iron miner from Port Oram and formerly lived at High Bridge, N. J. He is unable to

He brought suit against his son-in-law.

The case was adjourned to this morn-

NEW YORK UNKIND TO HIM.

A middle-aged man wearing a high hat and evening clothes went to Police Head-quarters last night and complained to Capt. Hodgins, who was in charge there, that he had been thrown out of the Wal-

dorf-Astoria and the Imperial hotels. He said he was Joseph Norris, 48 years old, of 127 South Twenty-third street.

old, of 127 South Twenty-third street. Philadelphia, that he belonged to one of Philadelphia's most exclusive families, and that he was a member of the principal clubs of that city and of the Pennsylvania Historical Society. He declared that his father, Frank Norris, built most of the railroads for the Russian Government and that his brother-in-law is a French Count. He protested that he was not receiving proper consideration from the police and said that when he travelled in England and France he was accustomed to having public servants wait on him. He had three diamond rings in a chamois bag and one cent. "That's the rub," he said. "Mine is the most distressing case of poverty on record." He asked to be taken to the Astor House where, he said, he was well-known, but the police sent him to the Mulberry street station.

IRELAND TO GET HOME RULE?

RUMOR THAT GOVERNMENT WILL GRANT IT IN MODIFIED FORM.

Recent Attitude of the Irish Members of Parliament Indicates That They Expect Some Favorable Move by the Government-May Come With the Land Bill.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 20.—Rumor ascribes to the Government the intention to submit to Parliament a measure bestowing modifled home rule on Ireland. For some time past gossip in certain political quarters has tended to spread the belief that the forthcoming Land Purchase bill of Mr. Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, will embrace or involve legislative scheme for Ireland hitherto unsuspected by the general public, and this gossip has lately crystallized into a prediction that the Land bill will be accompanied or followed by the introduction of a bill conferring

modified home rule.

The Belfast Evening Telegraph quotes
T. W. Russell, a Liberal-Unionist member of Parliament, representing the south division of Tyrone, who is opposed to Irish home rule, as stating this for a fact. A week or two ago the Dublin Daily Express. a Unionist newspaper, referring to the reported passive understanding reached by the Government and the Nationalists. said that the leaders of the opposition foresaw "dissolution of Parliament within a year, resting upon the agreement by the lovernment to give some sort of Catholic University, with a plan of home rule on the lines of Mr. Chamberlain's counsels." It has been pointed out in the cable despatches to THE SUN how accommodating the Irish members have shown

hemselves to the Government recently in he House of Commons, refraining from opposing the army schemes, and otherwise withholding their support from the oppo-nents of the Government, even in the face of apparent opportunities for defeating the Government on a division. Their complacency has been based on the ex-pectation of favors to come. These facts are now cited in support of the latest rumor, of which, however, it is naturally impossi ole to obtain any direct confirmation.

Meanwhile the Irish party seems once more to enjoy the position of holding the internal political destinies of Great Britain n its hand. This is illustrated by an important letter from R. W. Perks, M. P., which will appear in the press to-morrow. Mr. Perks is a prominent Wesleyan, and one of the most influential Nonconformists in British politics He is moreover an adherent of Lord Rosebery's clean slate policy, with its condemnation of home rule for Ireland.
"It is of the utmost importance," he

writes, "that Protestant Nonconformists know where they will stand should a Liberal dministration come into power," and referring to the Government's recent Educa-tion act he says: "The aims and ideals of the Nonconformists in educational af-fairs are thoroughly obnestics to the Trish members. Guided by their priests they have used and will continue to use every effort to perpetuate and strengthen clerical

control of our elementary schools.

"They wish and expect us to vote vast sums of money toward the establishmen and endowment of a Roman Catholic university in Ireland. To both these phases of educational policy British Nonconformity is irrevocably opposed. Whatever the Liberal whips may say to the contrary, make its choice between a None alliance and an Irish alliance."

Mr. Perks demands a pledge from the reversal of the Education act, either by repealing or amending it before home rule

or any other measure. He says:
"A few compliments to nonconformity
will not do. What we are entitled to is a direct piedge that British nonconformity will take precedence over the Irish Catholic party. It is certain that the Irish vote will be polled as a rule against the Liberal party

take care that they do not alienate nonconformists by an attempt to secure the
Irish vote by promises of home rule."

In view of the fact that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, in a
speech at Leeds this week again declared
himself in favor of home rule for Ireland,

TRIES SUICIDE IN A THEATRE.

Page March 20.—A sensation was created among the audience at the Théatre Sarah Bernhardt last night at the end of the performance of "Werther."

Paule de Martigny, the authoress, who

was sitting in the stalls with her daughter was seen to swallow the contents of a bottle of laudanum and then to attempt to shoot herself with a revolver. The shot did not take effect. It is said that the daughter had previously withdrawn the ball cart-

IM TURKS KILLED.

DANGER TO CUBAN TREATY. Congress of Cube Must Be Called in Ex-

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Señor Quesada, Cuban Minister to the United States, had consultation with Acting Secretary of State Loomis to-day regarding the Cuban treaty ratified by the Senate yesterday. Under the terms of the treaty ratifications must be exchanged by March 31. Un-fortunately the Cuban Congress is in recess and would not convene again under ordinary circumstances until April 7. Unless therefore, an extraordinary session is called the treaty is dead. After leaving the State Department Minister Quesada put him-self in cable communication with President Palma, and it is understood that the latter will call the Cuban Congress together immediately.

HETTY GREEN'S DOG DEWEY. she is Summonsed to Show Why She

Shouldn't Take Out a License. Hetty Green was summonsed to appear before Recorder Stanton of Hoboken yeserday to explain why she has not secured a license for her pet Skye terrier Dewey. The summons was issued on complaint of Health Inspector Anthony Granelli, who says that Mrs. Green has been harboring the dog in her apartments at 1201 Washington street for three months, in violation of the city ordinance which requires dog owners to pay an annual license fee of \$2.

When the summons was served on Mrs. Green she professed to be greatly surprised. She had got a license for the dog in this city, she said, and did not think that the law required her to secure another in Hoboken.

BURGLARS AT "J. S. OF DALE'S." Ransack T. J. Stimson's House and Take Part of Mrs. Stimson's Wedding Gown.

BOSTON, Mass., March 20 .- Two Rivers, the summer home of T. J. Stimson, "J. S. of Dale," in Dedham, was entered by burglars last night, who ransacked the house from top to bottom, pulling out drawers and scattering the contents all over the

So far as could be learned from a casual search nothing of value was taken except a few pieces of solid silver, some plated ware and the waist of Mrs. Stimson's wedding gown.

The family has been spending the winter

in Boston, so the house was closed. This is the second time within two years that, the residence has been entered. KILLED ON HIS WHEEL. Reached Up to Push Aside a Broken Electric

Light Wire.

MAMARONECK, N. Y., March 20 .- Dominick Guglieham, a wheelman, was killed this morning while riding along one of the drives at Orienta Point. The wheelman was on the way to the home of Here: Darlington, the Intenurg steel manufacturer, when he encountered a broken electric light wire. He reached up and attempted to push it aside when the cuttre current of 2,000 voits of electricity passed through his body and he fell off his wheel,

MRS. WILLIAM A. DUER WORSE. Her Daughter, Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay,

Sent for Yesterday. Mrs. William A. Duer, mother of Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, who has been ill at the Waldorf-Asteria for the last three weeks, had a relapse yesterday, and her condition was so critical last night that at their country home in Roslyn, were sent

Boston, March 20.—Mrs. "Jack" Gardner is to erect another building in the Back Bay Fens, devoted mainly to the purposes Bay Fens, devoted mainly to the purposes of a library, but there will be other departments, including another music hall.

It is Mrs. Gardner's intention that the library shall, upon her death, become the property of the people of Boston, on terms similar to those she has already made for the transfer of at least a portion of the Italian Palace to the custody of the city.

Two sites have been discussed. One adjoins the Italian Palace, where there is ample room for a companion building. The other is across the Fens, from which site the new building would face the older one.

FAVORSODELL STEAMBOAT CO.?

PRICE TWO CENTS.

INTERESTING QUESTION ABOUT A CITY PIER LEASE,

Which Dock Commissioner Hawkes Recommends, Cancelled for One to Run 6 Years-Application Walted a Month, Then Was Favorably Considered-Quite Usual, Says Commissioner Hawkes.

When the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund meet next Wednesday there will be laid before them for action a recommendation which has been addressed to them by Dock Commissioner McDougall Hawkes. This recommendation is a pro-posal to cancel the lease now held on Pier 24, North River, by the Central Hudson Steamboat Company, which has almost six years to run yet, and then make a fresh lease for five years and nine months from May 1 next, with the privilege of two renewals of ten years each. For each of the renewals an advance of 10 per cent. in the rent is to be made. Gov. Odell and his father are the principal stockholders in the Central Hudson Steamboat Company. If the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund

see fit to carry out Commissioner Hawkes's recommendation, one of the finest pieces of pier property along the North River will be turned over to the Central Hudson Steamboat Company and will be held absolutely by that company for the next twentysix years, no matter what changes in administration may occur in that time.

Pier 24, North River, is so choice a so of river-front property that a great many people would like to get a chance to bid for its use. It is the policy of the present administration, however, while getting all that it can for the city out of pler rentals not to turn a good tenant out without an opportunity to renew his lease. The usual advance the city asks in rental runs from 5 to 10 per cent. The renewals, while mostly for five years, are sometimes

as long a time as ten years.

In the case of Pier 24 and the Central Hudson Steamboat Company, however, two unusual things are recommended by Commissioner Hawkes. The cancellation of a lease nearly six years before its expiration, and a new lease for twenty-six years, is said to be unprecedented. One of the principles on which the present reform administration has made a strong stand has been the leasing of pier privileges The administration has gone on record as being opposed to the granting of long leases to private individuals or companies.

The fact that Commissioner Hawkes had recommended such a course in the case of the Central Hudson Steamboat Company only became known yesterday when Deputy Comptroller N. Phillips, who is secretary to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, made public the letter of Commissioner Hawkes. The Commissioner's letter set people won-dering why the Central Hudson Steamboat

Company should ask and get such a lease. Pretty soon it was discovered that on Pec, i last Benjamin S. Odell of Newburgh, father of the Governor of the State, was elected president of the Central Hudson Steamboat Company, and that Gov. Odell himself is treasurer of the company and a member of its board of directors. of its board of directors.

Furthermore, although the application of the Central Hudson Steamboat Company for the cancellation of its lesse and the issue of a new one on the terms now recommended was made as long ago as Feb. 4. nothing was done in the matter until March 14, a week ago to-day, when Commissioner of the Sinking Fund.